GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5124
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QUOTATION OF RATES BY NCCF
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India Ltd. New Delhis not quoting the rates and brand names of the lowest priced items against the `inquiry of rates` received by them from the Government offices, undertakings, corporations etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the NCCF quotes the lowestrates of all registered authorised distributors with brand names against all such inquiries of rates received by them from the Government, corporations and undertakings;

(d) whether the NCCF is not giving full specifications and brand names of the items in their invoices; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to ensure to given proper and accurate specifications of the items sold with brand names?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a, b & c): No, Sir. The rates and brand names of the lowest priced items are generally quoted by the NCCF against the queries received from the Government offices. In a few cases, however, brand names etc. were not mentioned against such quotations submitted by the NCCF. As per the procedure followed in the NCCF, rates of specificitems required by the indenting organizations are quoted. In respect of query of products without brand names, the rates of at least three of them are required to be quoted by the NCCF, with whom NCCF has supply arrangements.The instructions to this effect have again been issued by the NCCF, Head Office to its Branches, for its compliance.

(d) & (e): Full specifications and brand names are usually mentioned in the sale invoices of the NCCF. However, in a few cases, these were not mentioned. Instructions have been issued by the NCCF to he concerned officials to invariably mention the full specifications of the goods, brand names etc. in the invoices and other related documents.